



Newsletter of the CandleRidge Homeowners Association

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From the President's Desk...

Dear CandleRidge Residents,

Recently voters passed the bond election that will provide funding for the dredging of French Lake. There were several District 6 items in the bond fund for this area. Visit <https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/government/districts/district6> to find out more on these items

Egret's have been trying to make a comeback, but thanks to a solid line of defense organized by a small neighborhood group, these pesky birds have not nested to my knowledge. If you notice these birds trying to nest, please make loud noises to scare them off. We have added an egret section to the website with several articles on how to prevent an infestation in our trees. Please visit those pages and be on the lookout for these birds. <https://www.candleridgehomeowners.com/>. We want to thank all who have paid their dues using either the electronic method located on our website or by mail. We appreciate your membership. The money maintains the website and helps with egret defense among other projects. We will continue our endeavor to keep the neighborhood abreast of any news items that may affect our area. If you have not joined, please do so now on the website.

Your totally voluntary homeowners association is still planning on installing some new playground equipment soon. The City of Fort Worth is going to replace the play structure with a newer and improved model sometime this summer. Our HOA has also committed to the installation of two swing sets and two merry-go-rounds in the other park areas at that same time.

Lastly, we want to thank all homeowners for maintaining their property and making CandleRidge a great place to live. If you see any city issues that need attention, you may contact the city on the MyFW app or contact a board member via an email listed on page nine and on our website. We appreciate your help in making our neighborhood a better place to live. Connect with us too on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/172430886475729>.

Sincerely,
Steven Roebuck, President



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In the Park...



1. The lake fountain, down since December, has been repaired and is finally back up and running. The water circulation is pushing the built-up algae sediment that occurred during the down time to the outside edges of the lake both on the high end and past the foot bridge. Recent rains have helped dissipate this problem and any future rain will help as well.
2. Presently, there is one beaver living at the lake. Wire has been placed around several trees where damage has occurred.
3. There have been recent sightings of coyotes and foxes in our neighborhood! Take precautions to protect your pets.
4. It's summertime and beginning to heat up. Bring along some bottled water when visiting the park to help you stay hydrated.
5. PACS and the city maintenance contractors are keeping busy mowing, weeding, collecting trash and fallen limbs, and keeping debris removed from the lake. This debris is especially plentiful after a heavy rain. We appreciate this hard work and effort because maintaining the beauty of our park and greenbelt is a big job.
6. Reminder: Keep your pets on a leash at all times when visiting the park. Animal Control is always in the area checking for egrets that might be nesting in the area and checking for loose animals in the park and neighborhood.
7. Since there will be more park goers in the summertime, please drive safely and observe the posted speed limit signs. Remember to always brake for people, pets, and ducks crossing the street to help in prevent an unexpected accident from occurring.
8. Keep your eyes open and report any suspicious activity by calling 911. You can also report to an HOA board member who may help with reporting and response time. (See page 9)
9. The flag has just recently been replaced.
10. Bag receptacles are provided around the park and green belt areas for your use to clean up after your pets. If you do not have your own bag, please use one of the ones provided.

We have so many visitors at our park because it is one of the most beautiful parks in Fort Worth. Many thanks to all those who contribute regularly to keep it that way. If you are interested in helping with our neighborhood park or have other inquiries, please email parks@candleridgehomeowners.com.

Dana Wells

Park Coordinator





Help Celebrate the 4th of July with a Parade at French Lake Park

Participants need to gather near the footbridge by 9:45AM

The parade will start promptly at 10:00 AM

Decorate your bicycles, tricycles, wagons, and more!
Residents and their pets on leashes are also welcome to participate.
The parade will take place along the walking path at French Lake.

Join the fun and enjoy the free ice cream!

Farewell to our Historian, Jane Bruckner



Jane has faithfully served as your historian and as an active Master Gardener who takes care of plants and shrubs. She will be greatly missed.

We know that her new neighborhood will love her as much as we do.

Candleridge Garden Club

Did you know that our Candleridge Garden Club is the only garden club in Fort Worth that meets in the evenings? The meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month from September through May. Meeting times are from 7-9 PM, and the annual dues are only \$16. We meet at St Matthews Lutheran Church which is located at the corner of Granbury Road and Welch Avenue. Prior to each meeting, Stone's Throw Farm Truck offers fresh produce and other farm goods from their truck from 3:00-6:00 on a Garden Club meeting night.

Candleridge Garden Club's monthly meetings are enjoyed by all attending. Generally, they feature a program with a guest speaker. There are also demonstrations, how-to instructions, and tips on better gardening. Some recent programs have featured Quick Pickling, New Garden Start-ups, Earthworm Cultivation, and Hydroponic Gardens. Field trips and special events are also an important part of our Garden Club meeting structure. The Historic Gardens of Thistle Hill welcomed us for a visit this year. Another special event was a visit by Barney Lipscomb with BRIT, presenting his spectacular Poison program. In addition, it would be a rare meeting without our pass-along plants from our members.



We welcome everyone, living in Candleridge or not, to join our friendly and active group. Our president is Faye Youngblood. If you would like more information on our Candleridge Garden Club, please email us at gardenclub@candleridgehomeowners.com

See you in September!!



Citizens On Patrol

Thank You Citizens on Patrol Volunteers

From a presentation by Mayor Mattie Parker:

The mission of the Fort Worth Police Department is to safeguard the lives and property of its citizens, to reduce the incidence and fear of crime, and to build trust with the community.

Research and experience show that violent crimes are usually concentrated in a small number of areas, involve a relatively small number of people, and are perpetrated by repeat offenders. By moving our focus, we can have a greater positive impact.

Analysis of violent crime in Fort Worth between April 1, 2021, and March 30, 2022, showed that just about 3% of police reporting areas accounted for 22% of the city's violent crimes. Efforts were directed to known drug houses, illegal game rooms, and open-air drug markets.



Extensive data and its analysis will be used to identify problem people and locations. This analysis will be accomplished by detectives, gang unit specialist officers, and an intelligence unit. The newly formed Violent Crime Response Teams will apply the focus by utilizing trained narcotics officers and canines and a fully Directed Response Unit. Inputs will be relayed to a real-time crisis and fusion center in order to direct and disseminate accurate and timely intelligence.

An additional problem is Family Violence. This substantial driver of aggravated assaults is so difficult to address with the majority of offenses happening behind closed doors and usually unreported. Attention will be focused on multi-family housing units. Neighborhood Police Officers will familiarize themselves with their areas of responsibility and establish a positive police presence both as a deterrence and to offer in-person assistance and the distribution of information-laden flyers and to assist in reporting occurrences.

Police goals aim to decrease violent crime in Fort Worth by 10% in the next twelve months, focusing on decreasing homicides, aggravated assaults, and robberies, as well as improving neighborhood conditions where most violent crime exists. The City commits to further improve the police-community relations and communications.

CandleRidge residents are strongly encouraged to support the City's police establishment and further strongly encouraged to join the Citizens on Patrol program. With the decrease in pandemic cancellations, training for the program has increased. To get more information or to fill out an application for COPS, contact Marty Moskowitz at Lumarmos2@gmail.com or 817-727-1959.

Marty Moskowitz
Acting COP Captain



Just



Ducky!

Because our visiting migratory ducks bid farewell by March's end, we are down to just our resident ducks. Our feathery friends ask that you drive carefully around the lake and greenbelt areas as they roam more this time of year seeking shade and nesting spots. They shade hog during the day and prefer to swim during the evenings. Our feathery friends enjoy springtime the most, but they manage to keep cool during the heat of the summer months. Our female ducks have been busy nesting and have produced some ducklings for us to enjoy. We hope that many of the offspring will survive this year. Please report anyone trying to disturb nests, chase the ducks, or steal ducks. The turtles are also active and plentiful. They too present a danger to the smaller adult ducks and ducklings. I see more park goers bringing healthy food to feed to the ducks—romaine lettuce and scrambled eggs. Thank you. Remember that bread is very unhealthy for them. Our feathery friends say **STAY COOL** and wish all of you a **QUACKY** and **HAPPY** summer!

QUACKY FACTS:

Ducks can sleep with one eye open. When sleeping in a group, ducks will almost always sleep in a line. The duck at the end of the line will keep one eye open to watch for predators.

Dana Wells, The Duck Lady



After an absence, I am excited to be returning as the City Affairs member of our Board. My focus will be on the deteriorating condition of some of our streets. I was on the northern portion of Winchester Place a few days ago. This street is now, in my opinion, the worst street in CandleRidge. Previously my “worst street” was the eastern part of Brandingshire Place, but the city has come in and done patchwork repairs which have made it better but still unacceptable to me. I am trying to compile a list of the worst streets in CandleRidge.

I don't get on every street in CandlerRidge, so if you have street and pothole issues, please contact me at the email address below. If you have downloaded the MyFW app and reported a pothole, I would like to know what kind of results you have had.

I also am inquiring as to why there are still holes left by curbs that were never finished when AT&T came in with its fiber optic lines. I have a call in to Reel Telecommunications for an explanation.

If you need assistance, please contact me!

Bill Atkins, City Affairs

cityaffairs@candleridgehomeowners.com

Welcome New Neighbors

Welcome to CandleRidge!

We warmly welcome you to our beautiful Candleridge community!! We always look forward to meeting our new neighbors and sharing information about Candleridge. When we meet you, we will present you with a welcome bag which will contain a few gifts as well as important information about the community. We have some exciting programs to tell you about and for you to participate in and attend, some of which are described in this newsletter. Hope to see you all soon

Contact me at neighbors@candleridgehomeowners.com.

Rosemary Folks
New Neighbor Chair



Do you have new neighbors?



Reminder! Pay your Dues Online with PayPal

Did you know that you can pay your annual dues on our website?
To do so, simply go to www.candleridgehomeowners.com

Don't forget our Facebook page too!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/172430886475729>
CandleRidge Homeowners Association.



Our annual CandleRidge meeting will be here before you know it. Please mark your calendars now!

When: Thursday, September 22, 2022
Time: Meeting starts at 7:00 PM
Location: Christ Lutheran Church
409 Sycamore School Road
Fort Worth, TX 76133

We need a membership secretary and a historian!

See You There!



YOUR DEED RESTRICTIONS

CandleRidge Homeowners, please read your deed restrictions while you are in the planning stages and before building or adding to your home or property. This important document contains certain restrictions as to what can be added or modified to a property in CandleRidge. In short, the following is a brief excerpt from our Deed Restrictions and lists some of the main issues that the Board gets complaints concerning.

1. No plot shall be used for any purpose except for the erection and maintenance of one private dwelling house designed for the occupancy of a single family. No plot shall be used in whole or in part for any purpose inconsistent with private dwelling house use. (no commercial operations)
2. All dwellings shall be constructed of stone, masonry, brick, stucco, or of a glass building material of the kind usually used for outside wall construction.
3. No fence, wall, or hedge shall be placed on any lot nearer to any front street than is permitted for the house on said lot, and no fence, wall, or hedge shall be placed on any portion of the sites with a greater height than six feet (6'). No wire or woven fence is permitted on any part of any lot.
4. No animals, livestock, or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred, or kept on any lot, except that dogs, cats, or other household pets may be kept provided that they are not kept, bred, or maintained for any commercial purpose.
5. No noxious or offensive trade or activity shall be carried on upon any lot or lots.
6. No sign shall be erected or maintained on any plot except a "for sale" sign or "for rent" sign, and it shall not exceed five (5) square feet in size.
7. Any portion of any lot that is exposed to the public view must be maintained by the property owner in a neat and orderly fashion. (Iron gates and fences are not privacy structures, and anything behind them must following code rules.)
8. No outbuilding, shop, trailer, or residence of a temporary character shall be permitted.
9. No dwelling or structure shall be erected or maintained nearer than seven (7) feet from the side line of any plot and accessory structures encompassed by a 6 foot stockade fence.
10. No trailer, camper, boat, or other vehicle may be regularly parked, stored, or maintained in the front yard or side yard of any plot. (No parking in the grass is ever allowed.)

ii.

The CandleRidge Homeowners Association relies on each homeowner to "be a good neighbor" and abide by the deed restrictions. Remember, you signed an agreement (Deed of Trust) to abide by these covenants when you purchased your home.

Thank you to each Homeowner for abiding in your covenants.

Your CandleRidge Board



CandleRidge Homeowners Association Membership Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____ (Other) _____

Email address: _____

I am willing to help with:

____ Park maintenance ____ Gardening ____ Greeting neighbors ____ Legal Advice (licensed attorney)

____ Code Issues ____ COP Program _____ Other (indicate position)

The Candleridge Homeowners Association never sells or otherwise shares its membership list. Providing your email address to this form will allow you to receive urgent email updates from CHA. Please complete this form and return it with your annual \$25 dues or \$15 for 65+ Senior households.

Use **PayPal** on our website www.candleridgehomeowners.com or mail checks to:
CHA Membership Chairman, P.O. Box 331871, Fort Worth, TX 76163-1871



Did you pay your dues at the first of the year?

We want you to join so that you can help fund CandleRidge projects for this year. Dues are either only \$25 per household per year or \$15 per year for Senior Households 65+. Please pay online with **PayPal** on our website www.candleridgehomeowners.com, or mail a check to our membership chair to:

CHA Membership Chair
P.O. Box 331871, Fort Worth, TX 76163-1871

If you haven't joined for 2022, please do so now.

Aside from efforts to inform you about important news and events for our neighborhood, board members work to keep our neighborhood the great place it is: from Old Glory waiving above French Lake to the beautiful flowers at her feet, from bench painting projects to exercise and playground equipment and smart looking signs, and from maintenance to zoning issues. We regularly keep in touch with the city and other neighborhood associations. Your dues fund these projects, so please join.

**Thank you,
Your CandleRidge Board**

Pay Dues



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